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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend the 2025 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 351 of 2023 to Increase Funding for the Project Entitled "Replacement of Voting Machines" and Amend the 2025 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 384 of 2024 to Decrease Funding for the Project Entitled "Voting Equipment"

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Monroe County Elections Commissioners Jackie Ortiz and Peter D. Elder.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2025 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 351 of 2023 to increase funding by \$2,000,000 for the project entitled "Replacement of Voting Machines" from \$0 to \$2,000,000, and amend the 2025 Capital Budget and Bond Resolution 384 of 2024 to decrease funding by \$2,000,000 for the project entitled "Voting Equipment," from \$2,000,000 to \$0.

The \$2 million reallocation for voting machine replacement is necessary to address critical logistical challenges and comply with updated voter capacity requirements. Initially allocated for electronic pollbooks, these funds are now needed to purchase additional ES&S voting machines, ensuring a seamless transition between early voting and Election Day without transferring machines between locations.

The original allocation was based on a registered voter count of 480,000, but following the Presidential Election, that number has exceeded 500,000, requiring an increase in machines at select polling sites. Furthermore, machine allocation must be calculated at the poll site level, meaning additional voting machines are required at certain locations to meet demand.

Additionally, per NYS BOE Resolution 23-27, a single ExpressVote XL machine cannot serve more than 450 voters, with additional machines at the same site limited to 550 voters each, further necessitating this reallocation.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to increase funding for the project entitled "Replacement of Voting Machines" by \$2,000,000, from \$0 to \$2,000,000, for a total project authorization of \$14,000,000.

2. Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to decrease funding for the project entitled "Voting Equipment" by \$2,000,000, from \$2,000,000 to \$0, for a total project authorization of \$0.
3. Amend Bond Resolution 351 of 2023 to increase financing for the Replacement of Voting Machines from \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000.
4. Amend Bond Resolution 384 of 2024 to decrease financing for Voting Equipment from \$2,000,000 to \$0.

This is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

These amendments to the capital budget will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures in the current Monroe County budget.

Funding for the Replacement of Voting Machines project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in capital fund 1996 once the additional financing authorization herein is approved and in any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purposes. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2025

SUPERSEDING BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 13, 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE COSTS OF THE REPLACEMENT OF VOTING MACHINES IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$14,000,000 AND SUPERSEDING THE BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023 (RESOLUTION NO. 351 OF 2023, AS AMENDED)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF **NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH** OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. For the object or purpose of financing the cost of the replacement of voting machines in and for the County of Monroe, New York (the "County"), there are hereby authorized to be issued \$13,000,000 bonds of the County, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. The duly adopted current Capital Budget of the County, to the extent inconsistent herewith, is hereby amended to provide for the appropriation of an additional \$2,000,000 to pay the cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes (\$11,000,000 having been heretofore appropriated from one or more Capital Budgets). The period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is ten (10) years, pursuant to subdivision 31 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. The maximum estimated cost thereof is \$14,000,000, and the plan for the financing thereof is by the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from Capital fund 1996 and by the issuance of \$13,000,000 bonds of said County herein authorized, provided, however, that to the extent any state and/or federal aid and/or grant and/or gift is received for the aforesaid purpose. the County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept and shall use such funds to redeem any outstanding indebtedness incurred for such purpose or apply it, dollar for dollar, to reduce the amount of bonds to be issued for such purpose.

Section 3. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell the bonds and bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer, the chief fiscal officer of the County under the Local Finance Law. The Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer may sell such bonds or notes at public or private sale, at a discount or premium, at fixed or variable rates of interest or at no interest whatsoever, or as capital appreciation bonds, and with such amortization of principal as the Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer shall determine is most favorable to the County, and in compliance with any rules of the State Comptroller applicable thereto. Such bonds or notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer, consistent with the provisions of the Local

Finance Law. The Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer may, in the event it is determined to issue variable rate bonds or notes, enter into such agreements as said officer finds reasonable to facilitate the issuance, sale, resale and repurchase of such bonds or notes, as authorized under Section 54.90 of the Local Finance Law. The Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer is also authorized to enter into such agreements and take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate and lawful to assure that, to the extent possible, (i) interest on the bonds and notes authorized hereby will not be includable in the gross income, for federal income tax purposes, of the recipients thereof, and (ii) to enable the purchaser thereof to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12. The Director of Finance – Chief Financial Officer is hereby further delegated all powers of this County Legislature with respect to agreements for credit enhancement, derived from and pursuant to Section 168.00 of the Local Finance Law, for such bonds or notes, including, but not limited to the determination of the provider of such credit enhancement facility or facilities and the terms and contents of any agreement or agreements related thereto.

Section 5. All other matters, except as provided herein, relating to such bonds or notes, including prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds or notes, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds or notes, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds or notes, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds or notes (and if said bonds or notes are to be executed in the name of the County by only facsimile signatures, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), the date, form, denominations, maturities, interest rate or rates, terms of and manner of sale and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer. The Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer may elect to become the fiscal agent for the bonds or notes, or may contract on behalf of the County for this service pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Such bonds or notes shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Director of Finance - Chief Financial Officer shall determine.

Section 6. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes, as authorized by this resolution, may be contested only if:

- 1) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 351 of 2023, being a bond resolution dated November 14, 2023, except to the extent that any indebtedness shall have been contracted or encumbrances made thereunder. The purpose of this superseding bond resolution is to effect the following: to increase the maximum estimated cost of the purpose to \$14,000,000, and to provide \$13,000,000 bonds therefor, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the \$11,000,000 bonds authorized under Resolution No. 351 of 2023.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the objects or purposes described herein.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter and the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution or a summary hereof to be published, together with a notice attached in substantially the form and in the manner prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 25-_____

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2025

SUPERSEDING BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 13, 2025

RESOLUTION REPEALING THE BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 10, 2024 (RESOLUTION NO. 384 OF 2024) AUTHORIZING \$2,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE THE COST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF **NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL VOTING STRENGTH** OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The bond resolution adopted on December 10, 2024 (Resolution No. 384 of 2024) is hereby rescinded and repealed.

Section 2. This resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 384 of 2024, being a bond resolution dated December 10, 2024. The purpose of this superseding bond resolution is to effect the following: to decrease the maximum estimated cost of the purpose to \$0, and to provide \$0 bonds therefor, a decrease of \$2,000,000 to the \$2,000,000 bonds authorized under Resolution No. 384 of 2024.

Section 3. The duly adopted current Capital Budget of the County, to the extent inconsistent herewith, is hereby amended to provide for a reduction of \$2,000,000 to \$0 to pay the cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose.

Matter of Urgency
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Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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